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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REPEAT OF KINSHASA 2802, 5/2/72

REF: STATE 154511 AND ALL PREVIOUS

AS REQUESTED IN REF, H/W IS REPEAT OF KINSHASA 2802, 5/2/72:

QUOTE

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FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL FROM AMBASSADOR

SUBJECT: SURVEY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS

REF: STATE 62051

A. RESOURCES DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS

1. ONE FSR-3 (PROGRAM ECONOMIST) FULL TIME.
ONE FSO-2 (ECONOMIC COUNSELOR) HALF TIME.

2. A. TOTAL OFFICER MAN-YEARS (INCLUDING ALL
PART TIME WORK).....3.50
OF WHICH, ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION.....4/5
EXECUTIVE SECTION.....ALMOST.....1/3
OTHER SECTION: AID.....1/2
FAS.....1/4
POLITICAL...ALMOST.....1/5

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CONSTITUENT POSTS.....1/2

B. PERSONNEL CATEGORY: IN THE ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION FOUR FSOS AND ONE AID FSR; IN THE EXECUTIVE SECTION, THE AMBASSADOR, THE DCM AND THE AMBASSADOR'S AIDE; IN OTHER SECTIONS: THREE FSRS IN AID; ONE FSR IN FAS; ONE FSO IN POLITICAL; CONSTITUENT POSTS: FOUR FSOS.

C. TYPE OF ECONOMIC WORK:

1. OPERATIONAL BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, INCLUDING INFORMATION GATHERING, DISCUSSION OR NEGOTIATION WITH HOST COUNTRY.....55 PERCENT
2. OPERATIONAL MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIONS, NEGOTIATIONS AND REPORTING THERON..... 5 PERCENT
3. GENERAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, ASSESSMENT OF TRENDS AND REPORTING, INFORMATION GATHERING.....40 PERCENT
(ONE-THIRD OF THIS IS CERP, 2/3 OTHER, INCLUDING VOLUNTARY REPORTING TO WASHINGTON.)
4. ALL OTHER CATEGORIES, SUCH AS HANDLING OF VISITORS, ETC. ARE INCLUDED EITHER UNDER (1), (2) AND (3) ABOVE OR TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE REGULAR WORKING HOURS AND ARE DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY.

D. WASHINGTON CONSUMER

ONE-THIRD OF MAN-YEARS IS SPENT ON CERP REQUIREMENTS, WHICH ARE IN RESPONSE TO MULTI-AGENCY REQUESTS. PERHAPS AS MUCH AS ANOTHER 20 PERCENT OF ECONOMIC OFFICER MAN YEARS AT THIS POST SPENT ON SERVICING REQUIREMENTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES INCLUDING FAA, LABOR, EXIMBANK, OPIC, NASA AND DOD.

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E. NUMBER OF MAN-YEARS OF (A) FSS AND (B) FSL
TIME IN SUPPORTING OFFICER ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS:

- A. FSS.....1/2
B. FSL..... 0

B. EVALUATION OF ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT

1. A. UTILITY OF REPORTING: ECONOMIC ANALYSIS IM-

PORTANT TO MISSION STAFF AND WASHINGTON FOR FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES, TRENDS AND PROBLEMS IN HOST COUNTRY AND FOR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND FORMULATION BOTH AT THE POST AND IN WASHINGTON.

B. WASHINGTON RESPONSIVENESS: CONSIDERED FAIRLY THIN AND VERGING ON UNRESPONSIVENESS.

C. POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTES: THIS POST HAS NO QUARREL WITH CERP REQUIREMENTS, AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED. HOWEVER, THESE ARE VERY STEREOTYPED AND GENERAL. EMBASSY PREPARES MANY VOLUNTARY REPORTS ON SPECIFIC ECONOMIC MATTERS BUT IT RARELY RECEIVES COMMENT, GUIDANCE OR EVEN COMPLAINTS ABOUT SUCH REPORTING. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE INDICATIONS OF WASHINGTON INTEREST BEYOND AND THE CERP GENERALITIES.

2. WE RECEIVED LITTLE GUIDANCE EXCEPT THROUGH CERP SHOWING WASHINGTON INTEREST REGARDING SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ZAIRE. THOSE OF US WORKING IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES BELIEVE INADEQUATE ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO ECONOMICS IN FORMULATING OF FOREIGN POLICY. INFORMATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN US IS ADEQUATELY COVERED BY US PUBLICATIONS.

3. VIEWS ON REGIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS
PERFORMANCE OF THE REGIONAL BUREAU HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY. THIS MISSION HAS NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS. WE ARE SOMETIME ADDRESSEE
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FOR E BUREAU CIRCULARS.

4. VIEWS ON MULTILATERAL MISSIONS
THERE ARE NO US MULTILATERAL MISSIONS OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE AT THIS POST.

5. ADEQUACY OF FSO ASSETS
AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION IS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ADEQUATELY THE REPORTING, ANALYTICAL AND REPRESENTATIONAL (DISCUSSIONS, NEGOTIATIONS) DEMANDS PLACED UPON IT. WHEN THE AID ECONOMIST PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO ECONOMIC SECTION LEAVES ON JUNE 30 HE WILL NOT BE REPLACED. THIS WILL PLACE ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON OTHER STAFF MEMBERS AND IT MAY BE NECESSARY

REDUCE ECONOMIC ANALYTICAL REPORTS.

6. VIEWS ON FUNCTIONS OF OTHER AGENCY PERSONNEL

VIS-A-VIS OTHER ECONOMIC WORK

THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION IS STAFFED WITH
ONE AID OFFICER. THE FAS SECTION WITH ONE FSR
COOPERATES FULLY WITH THE ECON/COMM SECTION BUT
REPORTS SEPARATELY TO THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.
VERY LITTLE ECONOMIC REPORTING IS DONE BY AID
PERSONNEL.

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